IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

:

KYLE BOBAY, D.O.,

Plaintiff,

V. Case No. 3:22-cv-2

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY, et JUDGE WALTER H. RICE

al.,

Defendants.

ENTRY AND ORDER SUSTAINING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (DOC. #2)

This matter is before the Court pursuant to a Motion for Temporary

Restraining Order ("TRO"), Doc., #2, filed by Plaintiff, Kyle Bobay, D.O.

("Plaintiff"), on January 3, 2022. Plaintiff seeks an Order, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.

P. 65(b), restraining Defendants, Wright State University and the individual

members of the Board of Trustees of Wright State University¹ (collectively "Wright

State") and Kettering Adventist Healthcare dba Kettering Health Network

("Kettering"), from terminating his graduate medical education agreement (the

"GME agreement") on January 4, 2022, as a result of his refusal, for religious

reasons, to take a Covid-19 vaccine. *Id.*, PageID##71 and 76. He alleges in his

¹ Defendants, Tom Gunlock, Marty Grunder, Andrew Platt, Dawn Conway, Douglas A. Fecher, Sean Fitzpatrick, Ranjan Kejriwal, Bruce Langos and William W. Montgomery, are sued in their official capacity as members of the Board of Trustees of Wright State University.

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verified Complaint for TRO and Injunctive and Declaratory Relief, Doc. #1, that the

GM agreement relates to his participation as a resident physician in the Wright

State Emergency Medicine Residency Program ("EM Residency Program") and

Defendants' actions violate the free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the

United States Constitution. Id., PageID#9.

For the reasons set forth by the Court during a January 4, 2022, telephonic

hearing, the Court finds that the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b) have been

satisfied and Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Doc. #2, is,

accordingly, SUSTAINED.

Defendants Wright State and Kettering are enjoined, for a period of

fourteen days, through January 18, 2022, subject to renewal pursuant to Rule 65

(b)(2), from terminating his position as a resident physician in the Wright State EM

Residency Program and terminating his GME Agreement on January 4, 2022, for

refusing to take the Covid-19 vaccine.

The parties agreed to waive Plaintiff's requirement to post security.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: January 4, 2022

WALTER H. RICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE